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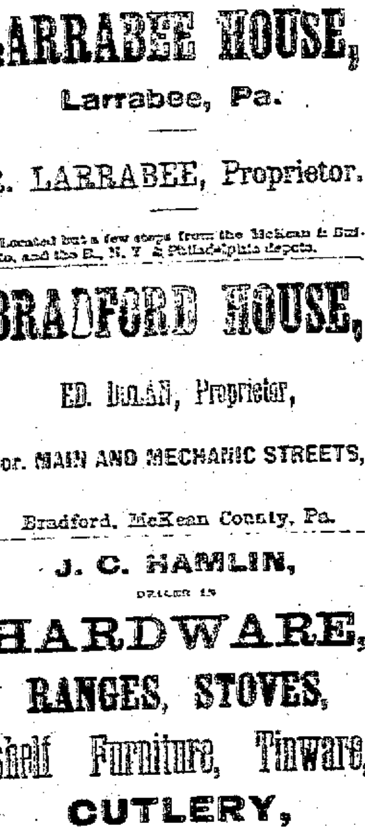

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How, little by little, all things grow!
All things grow—and all decay—
Little by little, on fertile plain,
Ripen the harvests of golden grain,
Waving and flashing in the sun,
When the summer at last is gone;
Little by little they ripen so
As the new years come and the old years go.
Low on the ground an acorn lies,
Little by little it mounts to the skies,
Shadow and shelter for wandering herds,
Home for a hundred singing birds.
Little by little the great rocks grow,
Long, long ago, when the world was new;
Slowly and silently, stately and free,
Cities of coral under the sea
Little by little are builded, while so—
The new years come and the old years go.
Little by little old tasks are done;
So are the crowns of the faithful won,
So is heaven in our hearts begun,
With work and with weeping, with laughter and play.
Little by little the longest day
And the longest life are passing away,
Passing without return—while so—
The new years come and the old years go.

HER THREE HUSBANDS.

AN OLD SAILOR'S STORY.

This here what I'm goin' to spin begun aboard of the ship Carolus Magnus, Captain Jackson, bound from Liverpool to New York, in the year 1848, or thereabouts; I can't be partic'lar to a year or so, and it don't much matter anyway.

'Taint no use telling you of the fust of the voyage, and makin' a thunderin' long yarn out of nothin', and so we'll jist chip in to about seven bells of an awful bad night, our watch bein' up tryin' for to furl a double-reefed topsail, the other watch bein' at the mizzen at the same time, the weather showin' awful, and that a change was jist to hand, we bein' to git her wore round head to the suth'ard and east'ard as quick as the Lord would let us afore it come in from the no'th'ard and west'ard and caught us aback.

It were the same old story, carryin' on to the last minit with the southerly wind, and then havin' hard work for to git the canvass in. I've said afore, and I'll say it agin, that a double-reefed topsail are a ugly thing for to furl in a gale of wind. There's so much slack leech that's apt to blow up above the yard, and if the rope ever drops on a man's head, 'tis so heavy that it's apt to knock him senseless. While we was up aloft the change came; the wind flew in to the nor-west, blowin' awful, and with heavy big drop rain. The yard had been braced in aback with the port braces, and when the shift come it filled the sail jist as we was a mittenin' of it, and blowed it out of our hands like so much paper. Bellyin' away up above the yard, it come down once with a shot, and Bill Johnson and Harry Williams, what was at the port yard-arm, was knocked off, and went blowin' away to leeward. The rest of us managed for to hold on, and leavin' the topsail a slattin', we laid down for to brace the yards about; and havin' got that done we hauled home the sheets and set the fore-topsail again, double-reefed, there bein' no more danger once the wind got shifted.

What made it worse in Bill's case were that he'd got spliced jist afore leavin' Liverpool, his wife bein' a steerage passenger. Of course, she took on dreadful when Bill come home missin' next mornin', and it fell mostly to Jack Adams and Joe Carroll for to comfort her, they havin' been shipmates along of Bill in the last ship. Bein' in different watches, they was able betwixt 'em to giv' her constant comfort, and I must say they done their duty. I've known them men chop wood by the hour or do other chores for the cook, so as to curry favor with him and git manavelins from the cabin to giv to this poor creetur, and they never let a watch go by without goin' down for to see how she were gittin' on and whether she needed anythin'. From carin' for her in this way, both of 'em got to be dead sweet onto her, and both of 'em got to be knowledgable about the other's feelin's.

We was about in the latitude of fifteen when Bill went overboard, and there were a long winter's passage ahead of us, and so by the time we got nigh hand to New York the widder had kinder got over her loss, and couldn't but be very thankful to these here shipmates of Bill as had took sich care of her.

Well, sir, time come when we was off Nantucket shoals, and due to be in, with luck, in a couple of days, and then it were and there that Jack and Joe began to wonder as to which of 'em should splice the widder after arrivin', both of 'em seein' no other way out of the matter, and she bein' to be took care of. It weren't altogether a matter of duty neither, come from doin' for her, as they had both got to be uncommon sweet onto her. As I said afore, there were a short way out of it, which were to ask her which of the two she'd rather have, but she bein' recently in sich trouble, and they bein' bashful like, neither of 'em liked for to do this. It were then thought proper that they should be put face to each other on a chist, and the slack of their trousers bein' nailed fast to the chist lid, they should there and then fight it out, and the best man take the widder.

This would have been done only for an old chap what we had aboard which sided agin' it. He were dreadful old and the barnacles were a-growin' all down his back, and, of course, bein' so long a-seafarin', he knowed a heap. He said: "See here," says he, "bein's you two has always been friends, what's the use of fightin'? and besides," says he, "it stands to reason that if it's settled in this way both of you will be well hammered. Now, the question are, will the widder like a well hammered man as well as she'll like a man as ain't hammered and is all ataunto and ship-shape-like; and my opinion are," says he, "that with a euchre deck the thing can be settled better every way, three games to be played and the best two to take the Widder Johnson."

This here meetin' approval, that very same day in the last dog-watch Joe Carroll won her in two straight games. And that weren't all; jist afore they begun for to play, Jack, who had been a savin' feller all his life, says: "I've got a matter of $500 or so in the savin's bank and Joe ain't got none. Now, if he wins the widder, it stands to reason he'll want this money and if I don't win her it stands to reason that I shan't want it, and so I purposes for to put that in, the winnin' man to take the pile," which it were Joe as done it in two straight games, and were spliced to the widder a week arter we got in by Parson Hodge, in the Mariners' church in Oliver street.

You see, sir, I don't suppose as how the widder cared for to be spliced agin so soon, but what were she to do? Here she were like a cat in a strange garret in this big city, where she didn't know a soul, and as you know, sir, "necessity oft compels what decency forbids;" anyway, spliced they were for a full due, and Jack Adams ships in the Black Ball ship Columbus and goes off to sea.

It strikes me I went into the Marmion along with Captain Edwards, but I don't jist remember, and it don't matter a pin's worth to this yarn, but I know it were a year or so afore Jack came athwart my hawse agin, and then I stumbled over him one day in South street, near Dover. He telled me that he'd quit goin' to sea and was workin' along shore for Bill Dorian, the rigger, cause, he said, his old woman havin' lost two husbands agoin' to sea, were bound for to hold fast to him, and keep him ashore; and then he ups and he tells me that comin' home off of a Liverpool voyage he found the Widder Johnson were a Widder Carroll as well, Joe havin' shipped in a bark bound to Rio, and come home missin', bein' cast away jist to the no'th'ard of Cape St. Roque, five of the crew bein' drownded in the surf, one of 'em bein' Joe; an' it jist come nat'ral and were Jack's plain duty for to splice the widder, which he done.

I heerd the rest of this yarn, sir, from Bill Johnson, him as was knocked off the foretopsail yard that night when our watch was a tryin' to furl that double-reefed topsail aboard of the Carolus Magnus, which weren't drownded, but come down easy like onto the top of a sea, and nigh hand of some wrecked stuff, which he hung fast to, and were picked up the next day by a English whaler bound to the Pacific, which were nigh onto five years of a voyage afore ever Bill put his foot on English soil agin, landin' in London and gittin' paid off, and shippin' into a London packet for New York.

Gittin' here, he falls to inquirin' about his wife, and at last comes athwart of a shipmate as tells him of her marryin' Joe, and of him gittin' drownded, and then of her marryin' Jack Adams, and so he gits underway at once for the place where she lived, arrivin' there along about six o'clock of a evenin' just as Jack were comin' home from his work, and if you'd believe me, sir—I told you first off this were a tough one—who should come up the steps of that house at that very identical time but Joe Carroll, which hadn't drownded at all, but had come nigh hand onto it, and had been took care of by a Brazilian chap for a spell, till he got strong enough, and had then managed to fetch up at Pernambuco, where he were took down with the fever, and went to a hospital for a many months, gettin' out at last, and shippin' in a brig for Baltimore, from which place he had last come, and so here was the three of 'em, all there to once, which made the Widder Johnson say, as I said she said in the first of this: "Too much of a good thing are dreadful."

Well, sir, Bill told me they went in and talked it over friendly like, and of course he said that she wer'nt to blame for what she'd done, and Jack and Joe wer'n't to blame for what they'd done. Here were her rightful and righteous husband come home, and there were nothin' for the other two to do but to sheer off. Joe said he were sorry he hadn't got home a week or so sooner, and Jack said he were sorry they'd either of 'em come home. He stashed the riggin' business at once, and him and Joe shipped aboard of the John G. Coster for the East Indees.—*World.*

A New England Oath.

"I swanny" does such universal duty as an oath throughout New England that the expression merits some attention as a philological curiosity. No one can sojourn among rural New Englanders for any length of time without being driven to speculate as to the origin of the phrase. Could it have come down through ages of gradual elimination from some highly respectable pagan formula, such as "I will swear by any of the gods," for instance? This seems a not wholly incredible supposition, and lifts the seeming vulgarism at once to the level of a "condensed classic."

How the Accounts were Furnished.

Clearly the best account of the recent duel in which two young fellows of New York thirsted for gore is that given by a very grave business man, Mr. Lawrence R. Jerome. After being sworn, he stated to the grand jury that he was interviewed by reporters in bed before he got off his night-cap, was shadowed by them as if he were a great criminal, and interrogated by them at the moment when partaking of the strengthening potato and the invigorating chop. "Mr. Foreman," said he, "while I really knew nothing about the affair, I kept furnishing the reporters with most of the news that filled the papers relating to the duel. They persisted that I had something to do with arranging the preliminaries, [illegible] that it was bread and butter to the reporters, and that they were paid by the yard for all such exciting information, I furnished them with principals and seconds on every occasion when asked. I did this, I repeat, for the benefit of the reporters mainly. I assure you, Mr. Foreman, I didn't know the first thing about the duel, but they would insist upon it that I knew all about it. I am glad the affair is brought to a close; I am glad to be here to relieve my mind and the public on this very exciting subject. I am a man of peace; I am a respecter of the laws of the land; I would not counsel the shedding of blood in any other way except according to law and the doctors. There are some bloody minded men in the community, but I am not one of them. I hope, Mr. Foreman, you are satisfied that I am a law abiding citizen, and opposed to the use of firearms except in case of defense and invasion. If you have done with me, Mr. Foreman, I would like to retire and resume my pleasant occupation in Wall street, where I will be most happy to see any member of the grand inquest and to attend to any business in my line to the entire satisfaction of all parties." Mr. Jerome withdrew, and the grand jury joined in roars of laughter.

A Senator's Family.

United States Senator Christiancy will have to rise to a personal explanation in the Senate. A paragraph has been going the rounds of the press for several weeks to the effect that his recent wedlock has been blessed with an offspring. The sex of the child, the weight and even the name had been mentioned by painstaking and accurate paragraphers. The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Christiancy are writing their congratulations; baby clothing is being sent with tender messages from all parts of the land, and gifts of the orthodox sort on such occasions are showering in upon the Christiancy family. Now, Senator Christiancy is an honest, sincere man; while he appreciates the thoughtfulness of his friends he feels that he is very undeserving of these kindnesses, and fears that when the truth is known he may be accused of securing these gifts under false pretences. Mrs. Christiancy has no need of baby clothes, neither has Senator Christiancy, nor have either o them need of toys and trifles of gold and silver, cups and spoons, that are being sent them. The fact is that they have been misrepresented before the public by a wicked and mendacious press. They have no baby at their house and have not had one. Senator Christiancy's oldest child was born twelve years ago. The present Mrs. Christiancy has never been a mother. They are very grateful for the kindness of their friends, but it's a delicate matter and if worst comes to worst and the newspapers keep up this talk the senator will rise in his seat in the Senate chamber some day and denounce the newspapers.

How to Buy Meats.

To the housekeeper the question how to select meat, when she is purchasing for table use, is a puzzling one. Good meat should be neither of a pale rosy or pink color nor of a deep purple. The first denotes the diseased condition, the last proves the animal died a natural death. Good meat has more of a marble look, in consequence of the branching of the veins which surround the adipose cells. The fat, especially of inner organs, is always firm and suety, and never moist, while in general the fat from diseased cattle is flabby and watery, and more often resembling jelly or boiled parchment. Wholesome meat will always show itself firm and elastic to the touch and exhibit no dampness, while bad meat will appear soft and moist, so that the liquid substance runs out of the blood when pressed hard. Good meat has very little smell, while the unsound meat has a disagreeable, cadaverous smell and diffuses a certain medicinal odor. Lastly, bad meat has the peculiarity that it shrinks considerably in the boiling; wholesome meat rather swells and does not lose an ounce in weight.

A LIBEL SUIT.—The St. Louis *Democrat* was cast for $30,000 and costs in the libel suit brought against it by Rev. Stuart Robinson, of Kentucky, but the plaintiff declined to take more than $2,708, the amount of his costs. The libel dates back to the winter of 1871-2, when Dr. Robinson was ill with smallpox, the *Democrat* courteously remarking in effect that it was a judgment on him for having during the war advocated in the pulpit the shipping of infected clothes to the North.

The Coquette.

Felipe and she at the play!
Felipe and she at the ball!
Good lovers go hang up your harps
Don Jose, and Hans, and all!
Right merrily jilted, I swear!
Felipe be careful I pray;
She loves you, and she will be true
Perhaps for a night and a day.
Felipe, for a night and a day!

For, oh, she is fickle. Last night
Her breath was as warm as the south;
To-day she will give you her hand,
To-night she will give you her mouth.
But to-morrow she'll kill you with cold,
Who fed you on roses to-day.
Those lily white fingers will tear
Your heart, and then fling it away,
Felipe, she will fling you away!

Fashion Jottings.

The newest and most expensive dress trimming is made of parrot's feathers.

All Parisian coiffures require an abundant chevelure or quantities of false hair.

Chefs d'œvres of paintings in water colors are seen on many of the new valentines.

All kinds of crochet, netting, knitting and lacemaking are fashionable for fancy work.

Cream colored dominoes, trimmed with cream lace, are in preparation for the masked balls.

The "Miss Angel" costume is the favorite fancy ball dress of artistic young ladies this season.

Fichus and collarettes of velvet trimmed with laces or lisse plaitings are worn with open bodices.

Lace scarfs are used as strings for opera hats, attached in such a manner as to form a cape in the back of the bonnet.

The princesse dress for evening wear is made high necked, half high, or low, according to circumstances. It must be long and trained.

Chemises and drawers of foulard and pongee silks are worn by a few very fastidious ladies. They are richly trimmed with lace and embroidery.

Dark mastic gray kids are worn for morning toilet, a paler shade for afternoon, and one still lighter for evening dress when the gloves do not match the costume.

Invisible fronts are worn by young ladies as well as by older women. They save the trouble of crimping the front hair, and will deceive the eye of the closest observer.

Some colors are now never seen in gloves, or, if seen, are a sign that the wearer takes little note of the changes of fashion. These are straw color, tea rose or flesh color, and pale blue; pearl gray and cream are arbitrary shades, and mastic, a peculiar shade of gray, is the favorite.

Treatment of Debtors.

The grasshoppers were kinder to the Minnesota farmers than their creditors are now. The destruction of their crops left them without means to pay the interest on their mortgages, and the money lenders of several counties have been so heartless as to bring foreclosure suits and dispose of many of the farms. The epithets which are discharged by the farmers' conventions at their common enemies have a sharp edge. For instance: "Prairie wolves," "money sharks," "heartless Shylocks." This double barreled resolution appears rather formidable when it is borne in mind how the Missouri night raiders were run to earth in the swamps not long ago: "*Resolved*, That we are willing to pay our creditors every dollar we owe them as fast as lies in our power, but to have our property taken from us, leaving our families destitute, a charge upon the county or State, is an outrage that we will no longer submit to, and before the God of heaven and our fellow men, we will resist all farther attempts to beggar ourselves and our neighbors."

Hints to the Fair Sex.

A photographer gives the following directions to his customers: When a lady sitting for a picture would compose her mouth to a bland and serene character, she should, just before entering the room, say, "bosom," and keep the expression into which the mouth subsides until the desired effect in the camera is evident. If, on the other hand, she wishes to assume a distinguished and somewhat noble bearing, not suggestive of sweetness, she should say "brush," the result is infallible. If she wishes to make her mouth look small, she must say "flip," but if the mouth be already too small and needs enlarging, she must say "cabbage." If she wishes to look mournful, she must say "kerchunk;" if resigned, she must ejaculate "s'cat."

Complimentary.

Mr. Christiancy (Rep.) of Mich., in presenting to the United States Senate a petition from the citizens of Michigan, asking the adoption of a sixteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States prohibiting States from disfranchising persons on account of sex, said he was informed that there was not a single drunkard, gambler, or person of vicious life among the petitioners, and he believed the statement. His observations in the State of Michigan, where over forty thousand votes were given for female suffrage, satisfied him that the people advocating this amendment were among the most thoughtful and intelligent people of the country.

The M'Kean Miner.

H. F. Barbour - - Editor.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1877.

The Electoral Commission has made its first decision bearing upon the count of the electoral votes. After an exhaustive argument by eminent counsel on both sides, the commission decided that no evidence can be admitted in the Florida case which goes behind the returns of the electoral votes as made by the authorities of the State. This leaves nothing to decide except the legality of the authority transmitting the returns. This decision is considered as favorable to the Hayes electors of Florida. It was also decided by the Commission that they could enquire into the eligibility of electors. This will open the question in several States.

President Grant has transmitted to Congress a message, urging the speedy resumption of specie payment. With gold at 105, and the balance of trade in our favor, there seems no reason why his suggestion could not be adopted. Last week gold touched nearly to 104, and the debt statement shows that the decrease of debt was larger in January, 1877, than in any year since 1872. Since the passage of the resumption act, $21,000,000 of fractional currency and 17,000,090 legal tenders have been retired, and the bank circulation has decreased $30,000,000. Yet the banks complain that they have more greenbacks in store than they need. The Tribune says "If the President's recommendations were followed, it is probable "that millions of legal tenders "which now lie idle would be funded "quickly, and without a shock to "business; that prices, already at or "below the specie basis in many "respects, would rather adjust "themselves than sink, and that the "genuine revival of business, for "which all pray, would speedily "appear."

The New York Legislature proposes to do a little investigation into the Tilden administration. The members seem to think the State ought to know what was paid other lawyers to assist Tilden's ridiculous little Attorney-General Fairchild during 1877, also how much was paid to laborers on the canals *just before election*. The surface indications are good, and there is no doubt a rich deposit of curious information at the bottom of these things.

Our readers may remember the publication in the daily papers some weeks ago of a grossly abusive letter written by Charles O'Conner, in which he applied the most insulting and false charges to President Grant. He does not deny writing it, but on the contrary crawled to the feet of the President the other day and begged his pardon for the insulting language. Were it not for his gray hairs the President would have been justified in kicking him from the White House.

The Government Printing Office has stopped business for want of funds. Mr. Clapp states to the House appropriation committee that the appropriation for the present year was reduced while the work was largely increased. Six hundred persons are thus thrown out of work. But Congress cannot get along without a printing office, and no doubt the means to resume will soon be forthcoming.

Suppose the Republicans had chosen Ben Butler to conduct their case before the Electoral Commission, what a howl would have been raised. Yet he is by far more respectable, and is much less of a "shyster" lawyer than D. D. Fields, the chief manager selected by Tilden.

The Democratic newspapers pass very lightly over the fact that Gen. Anderson, of the Louisiana Returning Board, positively testifies that $200,000 was offered for the purchase of the Electoral vote of Louisiana for Tilden. There is no attempt to discredit or break down this evidence. Whose money was this! Whose but his who had previously sent thousands of dollars to assist the weak Grover, of Oregon, and other thousands to buy the vote of a Hayes Elector in South Carolina! Let us hear less about the so called "startling exposure in Louisiana," where, as all agree, no money was received by any officer of the Returning Board for any dishonest purpose. Until the Democrats have explained how it was that one of Tilden's Louisiana agents badly offered a bribe to secure an Electoral vote for him, they waste their breath in vociferating about reported plans of fraud. Who authorized W. A. Roberts to offer Gen. Anderson $200,000 to insure Louisiana for Tilden?—N. Y. Times.

Unless Judge Davis' successor can fill a chair thirty-eight inches wide, a seat of that dimension will be presently for sale. It might, without contempt or irreverence, be styled a bench.

The triumvirate is what the grand committee of fifteen, appointed to count the electoral vote, is not inappropriately termed. Let us hope that it will prove to be a triumvirate for good.

While Governor Hayes is quietly attending to his gubernatorial duties at Columbus, Tilden is acting as advisory counsel in his own case now before the triumvirate. What a difference between the two men.

DIED.

STICKLE—In Keating township, on Thursday, February 1, 1877, VIETTE BLANCHE, youngest daughter of G A and Caroline Stickle, of membraneous croup, aged two years and nine months.

COURT PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, the Hon. HENRY W. WILLIAMS, President Judge and the Hons. W. S. BROWNELL and F N ARENHAM Associate Judges of the courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans' Court and Court of Common Pleas for the County of McKean, have issued their precept, bearing date Friday, Dec 22, A. D. 1876, and to me directed, for holding a Court of Oyer and Terminer and Jail Delivery, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans' Court, and Court of Common Pleas, in the Borough of Smethport on Monday, the 26th day of Feb A D 1877, as I to continue one week.

Notice is therefore hereby given to the Coroners, Justices of the Peace and Constables within the county that they be then and there in their proper person at 2 o'clock P. M., of said day, with the rolls records, inquisitions, examinations, and other remembrances, to do those things which their offices appertain to be done. And those who are bound by their recognizances to prosecute the prisoners that are or shall be in the jail of said county of McKean, are to be then and there to prosecute against them as well as just.

Dated at Smethport, Feb. 5, 1877, and the 101th year of the Independence of the United States of America. C. S. KING, Sheriff.

Jury and Trial Lists.

TRIAL LIST, February Term, 1877.

1—Geo R Moore *vs.* F N Cook
2—Geo Boyer *vs.* I Atwood Putnam.
3—Wm Tucker *vs.* Harris Manning.
4—Agnes King *vs.* Nancy McEnally
5—John J Ridgway *vs.* Charles Butz and Wm. Campbell.
6—Richmond Nichols *vs.* G N Hackett and M. Chevalier, executors.
7—D H Treat *vs.* Leroy and Wm. Dalrundge.
8—Same *vs.* Same.
9—J F Clark *et al vs.* Wm. Beardsley.
10—S S Moore *vs.* John M Wright.
11—P M Van Every *vs.* Pat Fitzsimmons.
12—F Prentiss *vs.* C M Giles *et al*
13—S S Moore *vs.* C S King, Sheriff, and M A Lillibridge.
14—W W Richardson *vs.* C S Whitney.
15—A W Newell *vs.* E W Evans *et al.*
16—Michael Higgins *vs.* J L Adams and wife.
17—Benjamin Kingsbury *vs.* Z W Fisher.

LIST OF GRAND JURORS, February Term, 1877.

Bradford—J C Drake, Frank Davis, D B Foster
Ceres—Harvey Bridge, Albert Clark, Geo C Hickok, Alex. Mosier.
Hamilton—Washington Morrison, Frank Morrison
Keating—Cyrus Barrett, O G Curtis, W S Outall, Lewis Paterson, Geo O Tyler
Lafayette—F G Ahlrich, Henry Smith, Daniel Sullivan.
Liberty—E E Bellows, A C Coleman, Wm Dunbar
Wetmore—Wm Byham, Joshua Davis.
Smethport—Geo Corwin, Roswell Sartwell.

CHESTER S. KING, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., Feb 5, 1877

LIST OF OYER AND TERMINER JURORS. February Term 1877:
Annin—Charles Budge, Moses Dellenbech
Bradford Borough—P T Kennedy, D Mahon, J W Mack, J Moorehouse.
Bradford—Fred J Crocker, F H Fuller
Ceres—James Diggins, Ira Peabody.
Corydon—A L Knapp, Mac Taylor
Eldred—A R Bowar, John Cook, Oscar Carpenter, L Littlefield, Waterbury Miller, John Peckham, Alson Rice, Philip Rockwell, Alonzo Shaw
Hamlin—J W Dutcher, L B Fletcher, Davanll Martin.
Keating—G P Abbey, J W Bush, Isaac Dusenbury, James A McKean, Luther Wright.
Lafayette—Isaac Foster, Cornelius Sullivan, Carlton Tuttle, W F Walkman, L J Walker.
Liberty—J J Abbey, L D Bishop, N H Card, A Buckwood, J G Hall, L L Heath, Henry McCord.
Otto—John Duke.
Smethport Borough—Amos Bishop.
Wetmore—James Corbett, James Gooley, W W Griffin, C V Gillis, J Holmes.

CHESTER S KING, Sheriff
Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., Feb'y 5, 1877

Foreign Attachment.

C. G BARRETT, *vs* JOSEPH LEWIS } In McKean County Common Pleas. No 177, June Term, 1876.

And now, Jany. 12, 1877, the plaintiff enters a Rule for the Prothonotary to assess damages on the judgment in this case.

W. J MILLIKEN, Plff's Att'y

McKEAN COUNTY, ss.
C. G. Barrett, the above named Plaintiff being duly sworn, says, that there is due to him from the Defendant in the above entitled Foreign Attachment the sum of one hundred and thirty-four dollars and fifty cents on the following cause of action, to wit: Defendant's promissory note dated September 12, 1875, for one hundred dollars and interest, the same being payable eight months from date.

C. G. BARRETT.

Sworn and subscribed this 12th day of Jan. A. D. 1877. }
C. K. SARTWELL, Proth'y.

n12-6t

DAVID TIBBETTS *vs* EFFIE TIBBETTS } IN COURT OF COMMON PLEAS M'KEAN COUNTY. No. 264, Sept. T. 1876.

THE RESPONDENT in the above entitled case is hereby notified to appear before the Judges of said Court at Smethport, on Monday, February 26, 1877, and show cause why the said Libellant should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony contracted with the said Respondent, agreeable to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

C. S. KING, Sheriff.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 24, 1877—6t

BENJAMIN SCOTT *vs.* LUCINDA J. SCOTT } IN COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF M'KEAN COUNTY No. 266, Sept. T. 1876

THE RESPONDENT in the above entitled case is hereby notified to appear before the Judges of said Court at Smethport, on Monday, February 26, 1877, and show cause why the said Libellant should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony contracted with the said Respondent, agreeable to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

C S KING, Sheriff.

Smethport, Pa. Jan 24, 1877—6t

NOTICE.—I have this day purchased of J. McKendrick the following goods, viz.: 1 cooking stove, with cooking utensils and pipe; 1 coal-burner, No. 9; 1 heating stove with pipe, "Rocket," No 9; 1 cherry table, 4½ ft; 1 crib; 1 clock; 11 chairs, rattan bottoms; 1 feather bed; 3 cottage bedsteads; 30 yards carpeting; 2 bedsteads and bedding; 1 looking glass; 7 walnut picture frames; 4 trunks; 1 writing-desk; 2 rocking-chairs, and a quantity of dishes and tinware; 2 glass lamps. I have left these goods in the possession of said McKendrick for the present, and forbid all persons from meddling with the same on account of any debts I said McKendrick.

L. BOYER.

CLERMONT, Pa., January 23, 1877. jn25-1w

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the present Legislature of Pennsylvania, asking the repeal of an Act entitled "An Act appointing Commissioners to lay out a State road from Kane to Lafayette in McKean County, Pa.

WM. FIELD.

Smethport, January 12, 1877.n12-6t

$300 AGENTS WANTED to canvass for a GRAND PICTURE, 22x28 inches entitled "THE ILLUSTRATED LORD'S PRAYER." Agents are meeting with great success. For particulars address,

H. M. CRIDER, Publisher, York, Pa.
14-1-1y

SHERIFF SALES.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of *Fieri Facias* issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of M'Kean County, Pa., I have levied upon the following described Real Estate, which I shall expose to public sale, at the Court House, in the Borough of Smethport, on Monday, the 26th day of Feb, A. D. 1877, at one o'clock, p. m., the following described tract or parcel of land to wit:

All the following described lots of land in the Borough of Bradford, being village lots numbered 12, (improves, three store buildings, one hotel building thereon) 24, (three small dwelling houses and one shop) 17, 61, 65 and 36, (one house fourteen by twenty-four) fronting on Main and Corydon streets.

Also the lot in Bradford township known as sub-division No. 278 in warrants 3216 and 3317, containing 25 and 3-10th acres.

Also the following described tract containing 12 acres more or less, bounded as follows: beginning at a post the northwest corner of lot No. 175; thence east 33 rods to post; thence south 96 rods to post in north line of lot No. 174; thence west 33 rods to post in east line of lands of D. Haines; thence south 96 rods to beginning, being the west part of lot No 174 in warrant 3317.

Also those tracts or parcels of land on warrants 3218 and 3330 in Bradford township, described as follows sub-division No. 140 containing 83 acres, originally articled to S. P. Dikeman; the portions of sub-divisions 143 and 144 lying west of the road, containing 60 and 2-10th acres, being parts of the said lots and sub-articled to J. Menard and D. Clark, and subsequently assigned to A. O. Hunt; the portion of sub-division 139, originally articled to J. Menard, lying east of the main road, containing 9 and 5-10th acres, in all 151 acres being the lot and parts of lots, known as, and adjacent to the A. O. Hunt mill lot.

Also another lot in Bradford township bounded and described as follows beginning at a spot in the center of the Bennett Brook road at the northwest corner of land contracted by Kingsbury and Thos. O'Connor; thence west 21 and 2-10th rods to a post in east line of lands of E. P. Colegrove; thence north 28 and 3-10th rods to a post; thence south 29 degrees east by center of highway to the place of beginning, containing 3 and 7-10th acres more or less, being a part of old lot No. 152 in warrant No. 3306 [improved; two frame houses and two frame barns].

Also the several lots or tracts of land included in the following boundaries: beginning at a beech tree the northwest corner of warrant No. 4208; thence south 310 and 4-10th rods more or less to a white oak tree, the northeast corner of lot No. 458; thence west 88 rods more or less to a post, the northwest corner of land deeded to A. M. Tibbitts; thence north 92 and 2-10th rods more or less to a post, the southeast corner of lot No. 467; thence by the eastern boundary of said lot No 467, along the highway in a northerly direction to the northeast corner of said lot No. 467; thence west 62 2-10th rods more or less to a post the north west corner of lot 457; thence north 138 and 3-10th rods more or less to a post, the north west corner of No. 471, thence west 103 and 3 10th rods more or less to the place of beginning containing 185 and 3 10th acres more or less in warrant 4208, being sub-divisions Nos. 471, 472, 470, 469, 468 and 458.

Also two other tracts of land in the Borough of Bradford, fronting on Main street, being all the unsold portion of land lying west of village lots Nos. 58 and 57, and between Main and Corydon street, and the tract east of the railroad. Also fronting on Main street, bounded on the east and south by the Tunungwant creek and extending south to the southwest corner of 4 and 1-8th acres of land deeded to W. M. Newell by executor, [improved].

Also all that tract of land beginning at a post 20 rods south from the southwest corner of lot No. 170; thence south 75 rods more or less to a beech tree, thence west to the creek, the northwest corner of lot No. 132; thence northwardly by the creek to the southwest corner of the 44 acre lot, so called, which was deeded to W. M. Bennett; thence east to the road, thence south 20 rods to the road; thence east to the bound first mentioned, containing 80 acres more or less, and being lot No. 130, [70 acres improved, 1½ story barn and house, about 20 apple trees].

Also another tract of land described as follows, to wit: beginning at a post at the north west corner of lot 144, thence east 163 and 8-10th rods to a post; thence north 79 and 1 2 rods to a post, thence west 102 rods to a post on the creek; thence up the creek to the place of beginning, containing 79 5 10th acres being lot No 132 in warrants No. 3316 and 3317 [about ten acres improved, one small frame house].

Also all the following described lots of land beginning at a post at the northeast corner of lands conveyed to E P Colegrove, thence east 43 rods to a post, thence south 31 rods to a post; thence west 42 rods to a post in center of road, thence north 28 1 2 degrees west 13 rods along center of road to a post in the east line of lands conveyed to said Colegrove, thence north 18 rods to beginning, containing 9 acres more or less, being part of lot No 152 in warrant 3306.

Also another lot of land bounded as follows beginning at a post in the southwest corner of land conveyed by executor to W M Newell, thence east 28 rods to a post in line of highway northeast corner of land owned by J W Brennan, thence south 60 degrees west, 27 rods to a post; thence south 44 degrees west, 14 rods to a post; thence south 15 degrees west 7 rods to a post, thence west 3 and 8 10th rods to a post on the east bank of the creek, thence down the said creek by its several courses and distances to the place of beginning, containing 3 and 3-10 acres on warrant No. 3306, [partly improved, 2 small frame houses]

Seized and taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of A T Newell at the suit of C S Whitney, use of Anna Bowar.

C S KING, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., Feb. 5, 1877.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of *Fieri Facias* issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of M'Kean County, I have levied upon the following described Real Estate, to wit: which I shall expose to public sale, at the Court House, in the Borough of Smethport, Pa., on Monday, the 26th day of Feb., A. D. 1877, at one o'clock, p. m.

All that piece, parcel, or tract of land in Ceres township, county of McKean, bounded and described as follows, to wit—On the north by lot No. 428, on the east by lot No. 456, and on the south by Keating lands, on the west by lot No. 118, it being lot No. 4-3 and part of warrant No. 3460, of the Keating lands in said township, containing 60 acres, more or less. About 35 acres improved, 1 house, 1 shed barn; well watered.

Seized and taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of John Keim and Mrs. Cerulli Keim, at the suit of B. C Gallup.

CHESTER S. KING, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., Feb. 5, 1877.

BY Virtue of a writ of *Fieri Facias* issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of M'Kean county Pa., I have levied upon the following described Real Estate which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House, in the Borough of Smethport, on Monday, the 26th day of Feb. 1877, at 1 o'clock P. M., the following described tract or parcel of land to wit:

All that piece, parcel, or tract of land situate, lying and being in the State of Pennsylvania and in the county of McKean, bounded as follows, to wit—Beginning at a post the northwest corner of land conveyed to R. C. Kent, lot No. 150; thence east 160 and 8-10 perches to a post corner; thence north 160 perches to the southeast corner of lot No. 130; thence west 40 perches to the southwest corner of same; thence north 23 and 1-10 perches to a post corner of land contracted to Peter Frederick, lot No. 97; thence west 154 and 2-10 perches to a post the southwest corner of same; thence south 50 and 6-10 perches to a post corner on the east side of Portage creek; thence up the bank of said creek to the place of beginning, containing 120 acres, strict measurement, be the same more or less, being lots No. 95 and 133 of the allotment of Keating lands in Liberty township and part of warrant No. 1812 about 70 acres improved, a good orchard, one frame barn, 2 dwelling houses, the con—excepting the portion heretofore sold from the same to Goodyear for mill purposes.

Seized and taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of J. N. Caughel, at the suit of J. W. Frank, use of Phebe Ann McDowell.

CHESTER S. KING, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., Feb. 5, 1877.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of *Vend. Ex.* issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., to me directed, I have levied upon the following described Real Estate to wit: which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House, in the Borough of Smethport at one o'clock p. m. on Monday, Feb. 26, 1877.

All that certain tract of land situated in the township of Bradford, county of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded on the north by lot No. conveyed to William A. Kilpatrick; on the east by lot 65, on the south by lot No. 64, conveyed to Lewis S. Vaughan, and lot No. 64, conveyed to Sarah Olmsted; and on the west by lot No. 64 aforesaid, and lot No. 61, conveyed to Amelia Olmsted, containing 43 6-10 acres, with the usual allowance of 6 per cent for roads, &c., be the same more or less; it being lot No. 60 of the allotment of the Bingham lands, in said township, and part of warrant No. 3191, unimproved.

Seized and taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of A. Bishop Ceaton, at the suit of Bingham Trustees.

C. S KING, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., Feb. 5, 1877.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of *Fi. Fa.* issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county, Pa., I have levied upon the following described Real Estate, to wit: which I shall expose to public sale at the Court house, in the Borough of Smethport, on Monday Feb. 26, A. D. 1877, at one o'clock p. m.

All the following lot of land, situated in the township of Keating, county of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, to wit: Beginning at a post in Marvin creek road, being the southwest corner of lot No. 17 of the allotment of the Bingham lands in said township conveyed to Cephus Scott, thence along said road and the south line of said lot, south 80 deg. east 25 perches; thence along said line and road north 76 deg. east 133 and 5-10 perches to the west line of lot No. 14 of the allotment aforesaid; thence along the said line south 1 deg. west 35 and 8-10 perches; thence south 3 deg. west 81 and 5-10 perches to the east line of lot No. 16 of the said allotment; thence along said line north 1¼ deg. east 104 and 6-10 perches to the place of beginning, containing 60 and 1-10 acres of land, with the usual allowance of six per cent for roads, &c., be the same more or less, being lots Nos. 15 and 16 of the allotment of the Bingham lands aforesaid and part of warrant No. 4135. About 70 acres improved, one frame house, with wing, two frame barns, about 40 fruit trees; well watered.

Seized and taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of James Hussey, at the suit of D. C Corwin's estate.

C. S. KING, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., Feb. 5, 1877.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of Vend. Ex. issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of M'Kean county, Pa., I have levied upon the following described Real Estate which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House, in the Borough of Smethport, on Monday, the 26th day of Feb, 1877, at one o'clock P. M., the following described tracts or parcels of land to wit:

Situated in the township of Bradford, county of McKean, commencing at a post on the east bank of the Tunungwant creek, at the southeast corner of lot No. 117; thence east 236 rods, more or less, to a post at the southeast corner of lot No 117; thence south 15 rods, more or less to a post at the northeast corner of lot No. 121; thence west 231 rods, more or less, to a post in the east bank of said creek, at the northwest corner of lot No. 121; thence along the said creek to the place of beginning, containing 17 and two acres, more or less, being lot No 119, and part of warrants No. 3427. About 20 acres improved, one plank house and wing, one shed barn; one spring of water, a small orchard thereon, excepting and reserving out of this the following described piece of land, as now run and staked out, for the use, benefit and occupancy of the Buffalo & Bradford railroad company, being 100 feet in width in all places, commencing at a point in the north line of lot No 119 and running thence in a southerly direction across said lot No 119; containing 2 and 96-100 acres, more or less, the whole being a part of the land conveyed to D Kingsbury by David E Griggs and other, trustees of the United States Land Company, by deed dated November 30, A. D., 1860, and recorded in Recorder's office in and for said county of McKean, in Deed book "G," pages 275, 276 and 277.

Seized and taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of D. W. McKinne, at the suit of C. P. McKinne.

C S KING, Sheriff.
Sheriff's office, Smethport Feb 5, 1877.

BY Virtue of a writ of *Fi. Fa.* issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., I have levied upon the following described Real Estate which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House in the borough of Smethport, on Monday, the 26th day of Feb. A. D. 1877, at one o'clock P. M., the following described tract or parcel of land, to wit.

All that piece, parcel, or tract of land situate in the township of Ceres, county of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at post standing 62 perches south and 3 and 4-10 perches east of the northeast corner of warrant No 4328, and being part of said warrant, thence south 115 perches to a hemlock corner; east 115 and 6-10 perches to a sugar-tree corner; thence north 4 deg. east 42 and 5 10 perches to a hemlock corner, thence east 80 perches to a post corner; thence north 163 perches to a hemlock corner, thence west 80 perches to a post corner in the east line surveyed by Keating & Co. for William Smith; thence by said line south 15 perches to a beech corner, thence west 148 and 6-10 perches to the place of beginning, containing 101 acres and 145 perches of land, being lot conveyed by Peter G. Dedrick to Benjamin Chamberlin.

ALSO another lot in said township bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a stone corner standing 21 and 4-10 perches east of the southwest corner of a lot conveyed by John Keating & Co to Peter G Dedrick in warrant No 4328, and being part of said warrant; thence east 40 and 6-10 perches to a basswood corner; thence south 50 perches to a birch corner, thence west 40 and 6-10 perches to a post corner; thence north 40 perches to the place of beginning, containing 14 acres and 55 perches, strict measure, be the same more or less.

ALSO, another lot in said township, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a post corner in the State line standing 183 perches west of the northwest corner of warrant No. 4329; thence south 160 perches to a post corner on the top of a hill, thence west 50 perches to a post corner, thence north 160 perches to a post corner on the state line, thence east by state line 50 perches to the place of beginning, containing 50 acres, strict measure, more or less, and being part of said warrant No. 4329.

ALSO, one equal undivided half a lot of land in said township, beginning at a post corner on the State line, being the northeast corner of a lot sold to John Morris; thence by the State line east 39 and 2-10 perches to a post corner; thence south 160 perches to a post corner; thence west 39 and 2-10 perches to a beech corner, being the southeast corner of the John Morris lot, thence by line of said lot north 160 perches to the place of beginning, containing 26 acres, strict measure, be the same more or less.

ALSO, another lot in Ceres township, aforesaid, beginning at the northeast corner, of lot No 33, thence east in part by the south line of lot of F W Leonard, No 36, 120 perches to the west line of G. B Gillett, 372; thence south 15 and 5-10 perches to the southwest corner of same, thence east by the south line of same 73 perches to a hemlock corner; thence south 95 and 5-10 perches to the northeast corner of the Diedrich, lot, No 70; thence west 79 perches to the southeast corner of the J. C. Trumbull, lot no. 73; thence north 31 and 5-10 perches to the northeast corner of same; thence west 120 perches; thence north 77 and 5-10 perches to the place of beginning, containing 166 and 1-10 acres, and being a part of lot No. 38 of the Keating allotment in said township and part of warrant No. 4328.

Seized and taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of H B Smith, at the suit of Seth M. Merriman.

CHESTER S. KING.
Sheriff's Office Smethport, Pa., Feb. 5, 1877

BY Virtue of a writ of *Fieri Facias*, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county, Pa., I have levied upon the following described Real Estate which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House in the borough of Smethport on Monday, the 26th day of Feb A. D 1877, at one o'clock P. M., the following described pieces or parcels of land to wit.

All that piece, parcel, or tract of land beginning at a post on the southeast corner of land contracted to Elias Lillibridge, lot No. 64; thence north thirty degrees west 100 perches to a post corner, the northeast corner of the same; thence north 21 and 7-10 perches to a post the southeast corner of land, contracted to Fitz James Taft, lot No. 61; thence east 41 perches to a post the northeast corner of land contracted to S. S. Steel, lot No 238; thence south thirty degrees east 100 perches to a post the northeast corner of land conveyed to Elias Shultz, lot No 193; thence south 60 deg. west 76 perches to a hemlock the northeast corner of same; thence north 60 degrees west 11 and 7-10 perches to a post corner; thence north 83½ deg. west 32 perches to a post corner; thence north 31 deg. west 60 perches to a post the southeast corner of land conveyed to A N Lillibridge, lot No. 65; thence north 60 deg. east 110 and 5-10 perches to the place of beginning, containing 102 and 4-10 acres, strict measure, be the same more or less, being lot No. 255 of the allotment of Keating lands in Liberty township and part of warrants No. 1,200 and 2,456. About thirty acres improved; well watered.

ALSO, another lot in said township, bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at a post in the northeast corner of land conveyed to A N Lillibridge, lot No 64, thence south 60 deg. west 14 perches to a post corner in the south line of same; thence south 30 deg. west 100 perches to a post corner in the south line of lot No 64; thence north 60 deg. east 13 perches, to a post in the southeast corner of same; thence north 30 deg. west 100 perches, to the place of beginning, containing 8 acres and 10 square perches, strict measurement, be the same more or less, about 60 acres improved.

Seized and taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of James Steel and Samuel Steel, at the suit of E. B. Dolley and others.

CHESTER KING, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Feb. 5, 1877.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of *Fieri Facias* issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean Co., to me directed, I have levied upon the following described Real Estate which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House in the Borough of Smethport, on Monday, the 26th day of February, 1877, at one o'clock P. M., the following described tract or parcels of land, to wit:

All that piece, parcel or tract of land situated in the township of Annin, county of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the northwest corner of D. Walworth's lot, No. 102; thence north 103 perches to a post corner, thence east 76 perches to a post corner in the west line of lands of Theron Cooper, No. 98; Thence south 103 perches to the southwest corner of lot No. 98; thence west 77 and 8-10 perches to the place of beginning, containing 49 and 4-10 acres; being lot No. 100 and part of warrant No. 2218.

ALSO—All that piece, parcel or tract of land situated in the township of Annin, county of McKean, State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: On the north by the aforesaid lot No 100, on the east by lands of John Holcomb, on the south by Annin creek road, on the west by Winship, containing 15 acres and being part of lot contracted to John Holcomb and part of Keating lands in said township, improved, together with one frame house, one barn and some fruit trees.

Seized and taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of R. R. Holcomb, at the suit of Geo F. Tubbs

C. S. KING, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., Feb'y 5, 1877.

BY Virtue of a writ of *Vend. Ex.* issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of M'Kean County Pa., I have levied upon the following described Real Estate which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House in the Borough of Smethport, on Monday, the 26th day of February, A. D 1877, at one o'clock P. M., the following described tract or parcel of land, to wit:

Beginning at the southeast corner of Jerry Riley's, jr. lot, No 225; thence south 60 perches to a beech corner; thence west 66 and 6-10 perches to a corner in the east line of Thomas Murphy's lot, No. 223; thence north 60 perches to a beech corner in the south line of said lot, No 223; thence east 66 and 6-10th perches to the place of beginning, containing 25 acres, more or less, it being lot No 422, and part of warrant No. 2220 in Ceres township, County of McKean. About 10 acres improved, one log house, one log barn, one small frame barn, about 30 apple trees, well watered.

Seized and taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of Michael White, Thos. Murphy and Pat Delany, at the suit of F. H. Arnold.

CHESTER S KING, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., Feb'y 5, 1877

BY Virtue of a writ of *Fiera Facias* &c issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county, Pennsylvania, I have levied upon the following described real estate, which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House in the Borough of Smethport on Monday, the 26th day of February, 1877, at one o'clock P. M., the following property to wit:

All that piece, parcel, or tract of land situated in the township of Liberty, county of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, and bounded as follows. Beginning at a large Hemlock, the northeast corner of lot conveyed by John Keating & Co to Wm. N. Strobridge, in warrant No. 2441, and being part of said warrant; thence north 62 and 2-10 perches to a post; thence west 161 perches to a post; thence south 63 and 2-10 perches to a post; thence east 161 perches to the place of beginning, containing 60 and 7-10 acres, strict measure, be the same more or less. About 20 acres improved. One board house, one log house, one shed barn, about 30 apple trees, well watered.

Seized and taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Lydia E. Grimes and Dina Grimes, at the suit of Lewis Stevens, use of Andrew Campbell

CHESTER S KING, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Feb 5, 1877.

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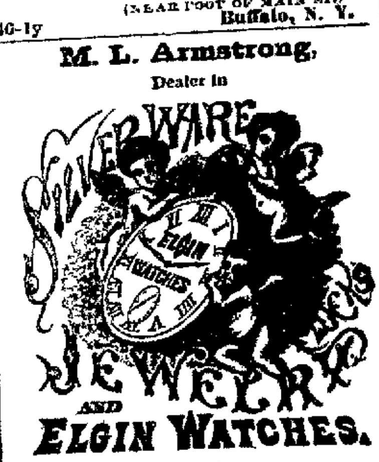

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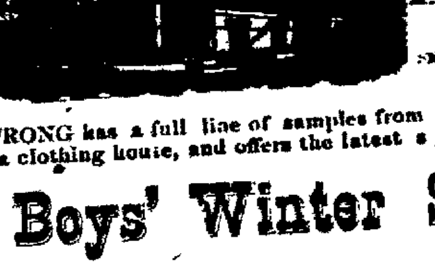

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1877.

Churches.

METHODIST.—J. C. WHITESIDE, pastor. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 9 a. m., and Preaching at 10½ a. m. Class Meeting at 11½ a. m. Prayer Meetings on Thursday evenings at 7½ p. m.

Preaching at Norwich at 2 p. m., and at Clermont at 6 p. m., every other Sabbath And Preaching at Hafner School House at 2 p. m. every alternate Sabbath.

BAPTIST.—O. J. BENT, pastor. Services Sunday at 10½ a. m. and at 7½ p. m. Sunday School immediately after the morning service. Preaching once in two weeks at the Hafner school house.

EPISCOPAL.—H. Q. MILLER, Rector. Services on the 1st and 3d Sunday of each month at 10½ a. m. and 7½ p. m. Sabbath School at 9 a. m.

ST. ELIZABETH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH.—Rev. J. P. [illegible], Pastor. Mass at 11 a. m. Services at 11:30 a. m. Sunday school at 3 P. m. Services on each alternate Sunday at Smethport and Clermont.

BRIEF MENTION.

— The Elkland Journal is offered for sale.

— St. Valentine's Day and Lent next Wednesday.

— A test well is to be put down in Coudersport.

— Three good wells struck last week on Foster brook.

— The Legislature will probably adjourn the fifteenth of March.

— M. L. Armstrong has a large and varied assortment of valentines.

— F. N. Taylor claims to keep the best tobacco in town. Try it.

— County Superintendent Curtis has our thanks for a copy of the school report for 1876.

— It doesn't look well, brethren, to see the front stoop of the church used as a wood-yard. Does it?

— Our friend Henry N. Gardner, court reporter, is reporting the Hendryx trial for several newspapers.

— There was an informal meeting of McKean & Buffalo railroad officials on the hill on Tuesday.

— The directors of the Pennsylvania railroad have declared a quarterly dividend of two per cent. clear of taxes.

— The Potter Enterprise states that several wells are to be put down on the Oswayo creek early in the spring.

— For you: If you know of anything of local interest don't keep it to yourself but send it to the printer.

— Judge David Davis weighs 350 pounds, and filled a bench on the Supreme Court thirty-eight inches wide.

— The rural democratic editor is still engaged in ciphering the intellectual and moral attitude of Senator Conkling.

— Rev. Whiteside has been holding a series of revival meetings at Norwich. The meetings have resulted in many hopeful conversions.

— An explosion of a lamp in the Bradford House came near making things hot and lively thereabouts a few evenings since.

— The objection to hearing his life made by a veteran gambler: "I don't like to play a game where I've got to die to win."

— The democracy are now beginning to feel sorry they did not "fight it out" —on paper—rather than endorse the Commission.

— Some of the young gents of the borough are proposing a select hop on the 13th inst.—and Lent commences the 14th!

— The profit of the refiner is now greater on a single barrel of oil than the cost of a barrel of refined three years ago.

— The Hendryx trial stares one in the face from every column of the Allegany and some of the Cattaraugus papers. Give us a rest.

— The Sheriff has attached a large portion of our space this week, and, strange as it may seem, the more he takes the better it suits us.

— To say that one of our citizens went within gun-shot of the burning oil well at Bradford does not strike one as a very pointed joke, is the way the Squire looks at it.

— There are now seven boarders at the brick boarding house on the side-hill. The Sheriff thinks they are coming in more rapidly than usual in view of the favorable oil prospects.

— We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to attend the Third Annual Reception of Liberty Lodge, at the Palmer House, Port Allegany, on the evening of the 22d inst.

— A Washington correspondent says that "Proctor Knott's cheeks and nose are of a rich strawberry tint, and his hair and moustache are as white as snow; he is said to resemble blanc-mange and currant jelly."

— Traveling shows do not seem to gain wealth very rapidly in the oil region. Dan. Shelby left Bradford disgusted and disappointed man, and the Merry Bishop were unable to pay their bills.

— The Commissioners of many other counties have already published a tabular statement of the Triennial Assessments as required by an Act of Assembly regulating Triennial Assessments.

— The Clearfield Journal says present indications are that there will be fully as many rafts to run to market this spring as last, but the quantity will exceed one-fourth that of some former years.

— The Capital removing bill has been defeated, and the Harrisburg bummers and hash-houses rejoice over a new lease of power. Why did not the House do the fair thing and let the people vote on it?

—Wanted, a small, second-hand valise—must be cheap. Apply at this office.

— Work has actually commenced, says the Times, on thirteen wells contiguous to Olean.

—A few weeks ago we had half a-bushel of help. Now we have only one "Peck," yet more help than then.

— The Bradford burning well has ceased to exist, the flame being turned off by the owners.

— The Williamsport Gazette says: Guy C. Hinman, Esq., formerly of this city, is now a resident of Marshall, Texas."

— It is stated that the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers is composed of 13,000 members and that the Association has $113,000 in bank, drawing interest.

—Test wells are going down in every direction, and we shall know more concerning the whereabouts of the greasy stuff the coming season than we do now.

— The Ground hog came out last Friday and could not see his shadow, consequently there will be some kind of weather for the next six weeks.

— The popularity of "James' Pills," the several kinds, seems to be increasing every week, all speak highly of them who have used them. No family should be without these valuable medicines. Sold by all druggists. 2t

Parsons, of the Bradford Era, says he has "made some jocose remarks" about Smethport. Here is evidently a misprint. For "jocose" read "jackass," and the confession will be more honest and nearer the truth.

— The Olean "interested parties" who received a telegram from Smethport that oil had been struck in the Haskill well were sold. Oil has not been struck yet, and we shall not claim a twenty barrel well until we have it.

—We feel that we owe our readers an apology for the amount of local and editorial space taken up this week with other matter. Bear with us this week, and we promise more than the usual amount of reading matter next week and hereafter

— The editor of the Elk Democrat thinks he has discovered why the Emporium paper have criticised the management of the B. N. Y. & P. It is such an important discovery that we do not wonder the young man is greatly tickled.

— The jury in the Hendryx murder case remained out forty-six hours and were unable to agree. They were discharged and a new trial ordered, which will probably take place at Angelica in June.

— A prominent gentleman in this borough for whose opinion our local democracy have of late years affected great respect, does not hesitate to declare the action of that party since the election regarding the Presidential question as contemptible and mean.

RELIGIOUS.—The pulpit of the Baptist church will be filled next Sunday evening by Rev Mr. Hart, who has been preaching successfully in different places in the county of late. There will also be preaching in the Baptist church every evening next week. Elder Hart will assist at most, if not all the meetings.

—Nathan Lanborn, cashier of the First National Bank of Montrose, is a defaulter for $90,000. He was a consistent Christian, Sunday-school teacher, etc., and thus used "the livery of Heaven to serve the devil in." The Williamsport Gazette calls him "Satan's Journeyman," which seems a very appropriate name.

— An unusual number of licenses are asked for at next term of court from Bradford and Tarport. Better grant them, and make them live up to the law in every particular. A law-abiding, license house is better than an illicit one, and the stuff will be sold in some shape in defiance of law, if licenses are not granted.

— A present of a magnificent team decorated with gold-mounted harness, the whole costing twenty-five hundred dollars, was made a short time ago by Mr. H. L. Taylor to H. M. Webster, a prominent oil operator of this section. Mr. Webster, it may be added, appreciates the good will thus manifested, and asserts that he'll do his level best to enjoy all there is in it.—Oil City Derrick.

— It will soon be known positively whether oil abounds in and around Olean or the contrary. During the past week no less than eleven wells have been located within a radius of five miles from this place, and work has already been commenced on each and every one of them, to be driven to completion as fast as money and energy can accomplish that result.—Record.

—A little boy at Smethport was much exercised for fear he would not know his father when he got to heaven, but his mother eased his aching heart by telling him to look for a "red nosed angel."—Pshaw! Persons. That joke has served its time long before you were old enough to handle the paste-pot and scissors. Clip out something fresh next time, and some people may think it is original.

—The amateur editor of the Bradford Era, whines that "Barbour gets excited about every small thing. Never mind, Charley; wipe away your tears, for you are altogether mistaken. There is one very "small thing," at present rattling around in the editorial chair of the Era, the contemplation of which has not occasioned in us the least ripple of excitement. "Doan yo cry, darling; doan yo cry."

—We hope the very pious cold-water brethren, who would not attend a donation held in a licensed hotel, were not kept at home lest some of the boys would ask them to "take something" and they couldn't refuse. We hardly think that was the true cause, but if so, we cannot express our admiration for their obstinate self-denial. However, as far as we observed, the bar was closed, and we are sure Mr. Haskill would not have allowed any one to place temptation in their way.

PERSONAL.—H. V. Redfield and wife are in town. They are on their way to Washington, from which place "Vic" will keep the readers of the Cincinnati Commercial posted as to the progress and result of the great lawsuit of the people vs. Tilden, Hewitt, Field, Morrissey Reform ET AL.

— Rev. Whiteside informs us that the religious interest at Norwich continues to increase, with promise of a glorious revival of religion in that section. The interest is becoming wide-spread and extended, there being many attendants from surrounding townships. About thirty converts are already numbered, and many more are under serious conviction. Let us hope that the interest will increase until it extends to all parts of the county.

A CREDITABLE DONATION.—The annual donation visit for the benefit of Rev. J. C. Whiteside, pastor of the M. E. Church, was held last evening, and was in every respect gratifying to the heart of the pastor and his family, and creditable to the society and community. Mr. Wm Haskill, the proprietor of the Bennett House, with his usual generosity and public spirit in every good work, gave the entire control of his large hotel to the use of the society for the evening, which made it much more convenient to all parties concerned, and we are assured the courtesy and kindness is duly appreciated by them. The attendance at supper was not large, as many preferred dropping in and leaving their mite, and then quietly departing. The proceeds of the donation, we are informed, amounted to the pleasant sum of $160, nine-tenths of which was cash, which is proof that, notwithstanding the hard times and our hard hearts, the people of Smethport are not entirely lacking in appreciation of the services of a faithful, zealous and consistent Christian minister like "Brother" Whiteside.

Lyceum Programme.

Essays.—Mrs. Burdick and Mrs. H King

Recitation —T. F. Richmond.

Select Reading.—Demont Haskill and Josie Whiteside.

Paper —Miss Beta Sartwell and Miss Mettie Lyman

Discussion.—Allen Oviatt and Monroe Jones.

Question for discussion.—Resolved, That man has more influence for good than woman. Aff. Allen Oviatt Neg. Monroe Jones

Ash-Wednesday.

Upon Ash-Wednesday,—or the first day of Lent, being the 14th inst.—the Episcopal church of this place (D V) will have service at 10 o'clock a. m..

The three Sundays preceding Lent begin the Paschal System of reckoning time, depending upon Cycles of the moon. The system was divinely established when the Israelites went out of Egypt, 3,000 years ago. In the Christian church it is always pointing to "Christ, our Passover, sacrificed for us."

Let us then seize the opportunity and earnestly entreat one another—one and all —all who profess and call themselves Christians,—to come and dwell for a season, in holy meditation and prayer, under the shadow of that Cross, which is the symbol of our Savior Christ's conquering Power and Love. COM.

Eldred Items.

Eldred P. , February 6th 1877

[illegible] meeting of the members of the M [illegible] Church will be held in the School House, Prentissvale, on Saturday and Sunday February 10th and 11th, when the Rev L. D Watson, presiding elder of the district, Rev Mr. Crittenden, Cuba, N. Y., and other ministers will be in attendance.

Town Meeting is close at hand, and both parties are buckling on their armor preparatory to the annual struggle, which bids fair to be one of unusual interest. In addition to other offices to be filled there are two Justices of the Peace to be elected, but we are not in possession of the candidates names at this writing, with the exception of C. C. Mazes, Esq., who in consequence of a tie at the last election was appointed to fill the office for one year by the Governor. He is a candidate for re-election, and having served the Office faithfully during the past year we have no doubt at all but that the people will re-appoint him. We will give more particulars in our next.

Our old friend G. W. Ward paid our office a flying visit on Monday last. George is now located at Tarport, and from the face he carries we think the oil regions agree with him.

Messrs Hall & Charles have just finished getting out the timbers for a derrick for Hazen & Co., who are going to commence oil operations at once a little distance over the river from the village.

Mr. Waiuman has a gang of men at work pulling down the ruins of the burnt mill and moving them on the site of the new mill, which is to be completed right away.

The horse distemper is very prevalent around this section, but we have not heard of any serious losses at present.

Mr. Roth, Tailor, &c., of this Village has purchased a building lot of Elder Bennett, and intends erecting a shop and dwelling house right away. VERITAS.

— When physicians commend a proprietary medicine, it is always unwilling praise, and means something. Hear this: I have sold Hinds's Universal Cough Syrup for five years, and have found it to be what it is represented.

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Township Assessors.

Some doubt having arisen as to the status of township assessors under a recent act of Assembly, H. H. Cummin, Esq., of this city, recently addressed Attorney-General Lear upon the subject, and obtained the following opinion, which he has kindly permitted us to lay before our readers. The Attorney-General says:

"I have given it, as my opinion that the assessors elected in February, 1876, continue in office until the first Monday in April, 1878. This is the case in all counties where their terms would otherwise expire after the first Monday in April, 1877. There may be some special laws on the subject, but I do not know of any.

"The act of March 10, 1875, extends their terms as well as those of several other township and borough officers, and provides that their successors shall be elected at the February election immediately preceding the first Monday in April at which they are to assume office. The terms of assessors, prior to that act expired after the general election, and the assessors elected in February, 1875, entered upon their duties, or became assessors, in the fall of 1875, ending the day after election, 1876. The act of 1842 fixes the beginning and ending of their terms.

"The act of March 10, 1875, applying it to assessors thereafter elected, extends the terms of those elected in February, 1876, from the time when they would otherwise expire, which would have been the day after the general election, 1877, to the first Monday in April, 1878. And in the same section it is enacted that 'all elections for officers which will be vacant on the first Monday in April shall be held on the third Tuesday of February next preceding thereto.' The result is that there can be no election for assessors in February, 1877. It extends the term about five months, but it is over a period when that officer has very few duties."

This decision is very clear, and it will readily be understood that where no vacancy exists no assessor is to be elected at the ensuing February election. Township officers will, therefore, take notice and govern themselves accordingly. Compliance with the plain letter of the law will save them much trouble and annoyance.—Williamsport Gazette.

The Tuna Valley Oil Field.

The Elmira Advertiser, with its usual enterprise, sent its Mr. DeVoe to the Tuna Valley Oil Field, who thus discourses in his first letter:

From a little borough of some two or three hundred inhabitants, Bradford has in the past year and a half grown into a young city of the same number of thousands population; likewise has grown the nearby villages of Tarport and Limestone, and ere the coming summer is past, the three will be as one large city, united and prosperous through a two and one-half inch pipe, derricks pumping and flowing oil wells.

The Tuna Valley Oil Fields are situated on the Tunnaguant (Indian for crooked water) Creek and its east and west branches in the counties of Cattaragus, N. Y., and McKean, Pa. The line, through which runs a branch of the Erie Railway from Carrolton, runs southwest and northeast a distance of some ten miles, and within the lines of this so far developed territory, some three hundred paying wells are now producing two thousand five hundred barrels of oil per day, while some sixty new wells are drilling and about the same number of rigs building. Every day brings its hundreds of visitors, filling the hotels to their utmost capacity. Some sixteen new buildings for business places are now going up in Bradford and are already leased at very high prices, but most consistent with the enormous retail trade of the town. The Bradford House is the leading hotel. Its receipts average some $400 a day, from which amount something of an idea can be formed of the magnitude of a day's business transactions outside of oil operations.

In July, 1875, the first paying producing well was struck and is known as the Jackson Walker well on the Evans farm. The fact of the existence of oil in paying quantities was then established beyond a doubt, excitement reigned to no end, and oil operators by the hundreds gathered here from the lower oil country. Land was purchased at fabulous prices or leased at large fractional royalty from owners. Old residents of the valley who for years had labored night and day to make a bare living at farming, lumbering and bark peeling combined, suddenly found themselves rich. Rigs commenced building and wells drilling, while new business places were erected and occupied as if by magic and prosperity in Tuna valley was assured beyond a doubt. Millions upon millions of dollars have since been invested in and between Bradford and Limestone, and the prospect is most favorable for like investment during the coming spring, summer and fall.

— The Commonwealth vs. P. T. Kennedy and others, before Justice Ward is a case that has attracted a good deal of attention two or three days this week. It is claimed on the part of the Commonwealth that the defendants were engaged in a conspiracy to "blow up" a rig built by Emery, Patterson & Co., on a part of the Morris estate. It appears that the lease is in dispute, both parties claiming to own it, Emery Patterson & Co. had succeeded in erecting a rig on the property, and it is charged that last Tuesday, several workmen acting under instructions from Mr. Kennedy, obtained a quantity of powder and visited the rig for the purpose of demolishing it but were prevented by some of Emery & Co's men who were engaged in watching the property. The examination began Thursday morning and continued until Friday night, nearly all the legal talent of the place being employed upon the case. A large crowd of interested spectators thronged the court room throughout the examination. The parties were held to bail for appearance at Court in the sum of $200 each.—Era.

Notice.

All persons having unsettled accounts with the late Hon. A. N. Taylor, are hereby notified that said accounts are now in the hands of John C. Backus, who is Attorney for the Executors of the Estate of said Taylor, who will together with one or more of the said Executors make it a point to be at the office of said Backus, in the borough of Smethport, on Wednesday and Thursday of each week, after next week, for the purpose of settling said accounts. All persons having unsettled accounts as above stated, will please be prompt in answering the notice, and thereby save themselves costs.

A. E. TAYLOR, }
D. C. YOUNG, } Executors.
F. N. TAYLOR. }

Smethport, Pa. Nov. 16, 1876.-tf

BLANKS.—The following is a partial list of the various blanks constantly kept on hand at the MINER office:

Judgment Notes,
Supenas
Summons,
Executions,
Warrants,
Attachments,
Real Estate Leases

LICENSE PETITIONS.—Notice is hereby given that the following named persons have filed in the Court of Quarter Sessions, of McKean county, petitions for license, as stated below, and that said applications will be presented at the February Term, 1877.

C V Gillis, to sell vinous, spirituous, malt and brewed liquors, in quantities not less than one quart, with other goods and merchandise, Kane, Pa.

James Horigan, hotel, Bradford borough.

Nathan Lazarus, eating-house, Bradford borough.

Dennis O'Keefe, hotel, Tarport, Bradford township.

John S Hallock, hotel, State Line village, Bradford township.

E G Southerland and George McNally, hotel, Tarport, Bradford township

Albert Pierce, eating-house, Bradford borough.

Wallace Stone, hotel, Tarport, Bradford township.

J L Andrews, to sell vinous, spirituous, malt and brewed liquors, not less than one quart, with or without other goods and merchandise, Bradford borough.

E M N Taylor, hotel, Kane.

F W Heese, hotel, Kane.

E E Looker, hotel, Kane.

James Drumgool, eating-house, Bradford borough.

David C Hewett, hotel, Bradford Borough.

Ed Mullen and T. Mullen, jr., wholesale and retail, Bradford borough.

Thomas Connally, wholesale and retail, Bradford borough.

W L Starkweather, hotel, Ceres township.

John Hazel, wholesale, Tarport, Bradford township.

C A Pease, hotel, Tarport, Bradford township.

Jonas Artley, hotel, Tarport. Bradford township.

Daniel S. Baldwin and Ira Baldwin (Baldwin & Bros.), hotel, Tarport, Bradford township.

Charles W Staats, wholesale, Tarport, Bradford township.

B F Wright, hotel, Smethport, McKean county.

J P Abbott, eating-house, Bradford borough.

S M Beer, in quantities not less than one quart, with or without other goods and merchandise, Bradford borough.

N E Collins, wholesale, Bradford borough.

Patrick McCartan, hotel, Allen, Lafayette township.

Elias Reynolds, hotel, Tarport, Bradford township.

Ira Wagner, hotel, Bradford borough.

Phil W Roth, hotel, Bradford borough.

Witness my hand and seal of office, at Smethport, January 30, 1877.

C K SARTWELL, Clerk.

McKEAN COUNTY, SS—This is to certify that Davault Martin, administrator of the estate of John Martin, deceased, has filed, in the Register's office of said county, his last and final account, in said estate, and will present the same for confirmation at the next stated Orphans' Court, to be held in Smethport on the Fourth Monday in February, A. D. 1877.

Witness my hand and seal, January 23, A. D. 1877 [L. S.] C. H. SARTWELL, Register

McKEAN COUNTY, SS.—Notice is hereby given that Bridget P. Butler, administratrix of the estate of James Butler, deceased, has filed in the Register's office of said county, her last and final account, in said estate, and will present the same for confirmation at the next stated Orphans' Court, to be held at Smethport, on the Fourth Monday of February, A. D. 1877

Witness my hand and seal, January 26, 1877.

[L. S] C. H SARTWELL, Register

WM. HASKILL, use of } In McKean Co. Com-
JAMES CLARK, vs. } mon Pleas, No. 171 Sept.
DERRICK CROSSMIRE } Term, 1875.

NOTICE.—P. Ford, the Auditor, appointed by the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County to distribute moneys made on Sheriff Sale in the above entitled case, will be at the Prothonotary's Office, in the Court House, at Smethport, on Saturday, Feb 17, 1877, at one o'clock p. m., of said day, at which time and place all persons having any claims will appear and present the same

P. FORD,
Auditor.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 24, 1877.-tc

Railroad Time Tables.

McKEAN & BUFFALO R. R.

Takes effect Dec. 11 1876.

GOING NORTH.

STATIONS.	Coal.	Mail.	Local.
Clermont	6.00 p m	1.15 p m	
Wernwag		1.25	
Hamlin		1.37	
Colegrove		1 42	
Crosby		1.46	
Smethport	6.55	2.03	
Farmers Va.		2.15	
Frisbees		2.26	
Larrabees	7.28 p m	2.35 p m	

GOING SOUTH.

STATIONS.	Mail.	Coal.	Local.
Larrabee	11.08 a m		4.05 p m
Frisbees	11.14		4 07
Farmers Val.	11.27		4 18
Smethport	11.42		4.35
Crosby	11 57		4.50
Colegrove	12.02		4.55
Hamlin	12 06		4.59
Wernwag	12.24		5.16
Clermont	12.38 p m,		5.30 p m

S. V. GODDEN, Supt.

Buffalo, N. Y. & P. R. R.

TAKES EFFECT NOVEMBER 26, '76.

SOUTHWARD.

Leave Buffalo 7-09 A M—Mail—Arriving at Ebenezer, 7-2 ; Springbrook, 7-31; Elma, 7-36; Jamison's, 7:43; Aurora, 7-52; Wales, 8-05; Holland, 8:15; Protection, 8:27; Arcade, 8:43; Yorkshire, 8:50; Machias, 9.00; Franklinville, 9:16; Ischua, 9:34; Hinsdale, 9:41; Erie Railway Junction, 10:10; Olean, 10;14; Weston's 10:22; Portville, 10:30; State Line, 10:38; Eldred, 10:51; Larabees, 11:02; Sartwell, 11:03; Turtle Point, 11:11; Port Allegany, 11:27; Liberty, 11:47; Keating, 11:55; Shippen, 12:15; Emporium, 12:30 p m Connecting at Olean with Erie Railway trains East and West; at Larabees with McKean & Buffalo railroad; at Emporium with P. & E. railroad train West P. & E. railroad train East leaves Emporium at 6:15 p. m., arriving at Williamsport, 11.05 p. m ; Harrisburg, 2:45 a m ; Washington, 9:12 a. m.; New York, 10:05 a. m.

Leave Buffalo 4:20 p m —Olean Express—Arriving at Ebenezer, 4:40; Springbrook, 4:54; Elma, 5:02; Jamison's, 5:09; Aurora, 5:18; Wales, 5:32; Holland, 5:45; Protection, 5.58; Arcade, 6:15; Yorkshire, 6:23; Machias, 6:35; Franklinville, 6:55; Ischua, 7:16; Hinsdale, 7:33; Erie Railway Junction, 7:52; Olean. 7:55 p m.

NORTHWARD.

Leave Emporium 1:20 p m —Mail —Arriving at Shippen, 1:35; Keating, 1:55; Liberty, 2:00; Port Allegany, 2:20; Turtle Point, 2:32; Sartwell, 2:37; Larabees, 2:46; Eldred, 2:54; State Line, 3:08; Portville, 3:16; Weston's, 3:24; Olean, 3.42; Erie Railway Junction, 3:47; Hinsdale. 4.03; Ischua, 4 20; Franklinville. 4-42; Machias, 5.00; Yorkshire, 5-16; Arcade, 5-20; Protection, 5-31; Holland, 5-45; Wales, 5-58; Aurora, 6.12; Jamison's, 6-20; Elma, 6-26; Springbrook, 6-33; Ebenezer, 6-45; Buffalo, 7-05 p. m P & E railroad train from the East and South makes direct connection at Emporium with the above train, as do also the McKean & Buffalo railroad train at Larabees, and the Erie railway trains from the East and West at Olean

Leave Olean 5-20 a m—Arriving at Erie Railway Junction, 5-24; Hinsdale, 5-40; Ischua, 5-50; Franklinville, 6-20; Machias, 6-38; Yorkshire, 6 50; Arcade, 7-00; Protection, 7-15; Holland, 7-27; Wales, 7-39; Aurora, 7-52; Jamison's, 8-01; Elma, 8-03; Springbrook, 8-16; Ebenezer, 8-28; Buffalo, 8-50 a m.

Trains leaving Buffalo at 7-00 a m and 4-20 p m, connect with stage at Elma for Marilla; stage leaves Marilla in time to connect with trains arriving in Buffalo at 8-50 a m and 7-05 p m.

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On and after SUNDAY, NOV. 26, 1876, the Trains on the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Division will run as follows:

WESTWARD.

NIAGARA EXPRESS leaves Renovo....4.45 p. m
" " " Driftwood 5.58 p. m
" " " Emporium 6.50 p. m
" " arr. at Kane........9.20 p. m
ERIE MAIL leaves Philadelphia......11.55 p. m
" " " Renovo..............11.00 a. m
" " " Emporium..........12.55 p. m
" " " Kane..................3.10 p. m
" " arr. at Erie....................7.35 p. m

EASTWARD.

DAY EXPRESS leaves Kane...........6.00 a. m
" " " Emporium ....8.10 a. m
" " " Driftwood.......8.58 a. m
" " " Renovo..........10.10 a. m
ERIE MAIL leaves Erie..................11.00 a. m
" " " Kane..................3.50 p. m
" " " Emporium.........6.10 p. m
" " " Renovo ....[illegible] p. m
" " arr. at Philadelphia....7.00 a. m

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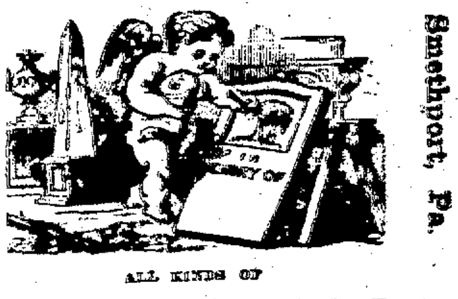

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Bath Brick,
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Bell Cords,
Beef Pounders,
Bells,
Bench Hooks,
Bench Screws,
Bevels,
Bits,
Blacking,
Blind Butts,
Blind Staples,
Bolts of all kinds,
Bradawls,
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Boring Machines,
Brushes,
Buckets,
Bull Rings,
Butts of all kinds,
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The points in a Saratoga county (N. Y.) love story are that Frank was discarded by Lena in obedience to the dying injunction of her mother; that they parted at the gate of the cemetery; that she gradually pined until at the point of death; that she sent for Frank, but he was on his death bed with fever; and that they died on the same day, and their bodies were simultaneously carried through the cemetery gate where they had parted.

UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

Senate.

Mr. Wright (Rep.), of Iowa, called up the resolution in regard to selecting five senators to serve on the commission authorized by the Electoral Count bill.

Mr. Cragin (Rep.), of New Hampshire, nominated as members of the commission, George F. Edmunds, of Vermont, Oliver P. Morton, of Indiana, and Frederick T. Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey.

Mr. Stevenson nominated Allen G. Thurman, of Ohio and Thomas F. Bayard, of Delaware, and said he joined with the senator from New Hampshire in expressing the hope that they would receive the unanimous vote of the Senate. They were unanimously elected.

Joseph C. Dailey, elected United States senator from Tennessee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Andrew Johnson, presented himself and took the oath of office.

Resolutions were presented and discussed relative to the gubernatorial question in South Carolina, but no action was taken on them.

The Senate discussed the bill reported by the Judiciary committee to amend the Pacific railroad acts so as to provide a sinking fund for the liquidation of the indebtedness due the government by said roads.

The Chair laid before the Senate the credentials of George F. Hoar, elected United States senator from Massachusetts for a term of six years from March 4, 1877, to succeed Senator Boutwell, and Mr. Bayard (Dem.), of Delaware, presented the credentials of the Hon. Eli Saulsbury, elected United States senator from the State of Delaware for six years from March 4, 1877.

A large number of petitions were presented by various senators, signed by male and female residents of the different States, asking the adoption of a sixteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States, prohibiting the States from disfranchising persons on account of sex, all of which were referred to the committee on privileges and elections.

Mr. Hamlin (Rep.), of Maine, at the request of several senators, submitted a resolution directing the committee on rules to inquire what, if any, rules should be adopted for the admission of persons to the Capitol during the canvassing of the votes for President and Vice-President of the United States, and that the committee be directed to confer with the committee on rules of the House of Representatives. Agreed to.

Mr. Cooper (Dem.), of Tennessee, presented the credentials of the Hon. Frank Hereford, elected United States senator from the State of West Virginia to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Hon. Allen T. Caperton.

The Chair laid before the Senate the credentials of John R. McPherson, elected United States senator from New Jersey for six years from March 4, 1877.

The president *pro tem.* laid before the Senate a communication from certain associate justices of the supreme court, stating that they had selected Hon. Jos. P. Bradley to be a member of the Electoral commission.

Various petitions were presented in favor of the repeal of the law imposing taxes on banking capital and deposits, all of which were referred to the committee on finance.

Mr. Robertson (Rep.), of South Carolina, presented resolutions adopted by a meeting of the white and colored citizens of South Carolina, which was held at Barnwell court house on January 15, and asked that they be read and referred to the committee on privileges and elections. The reading commenced, but Mr. Sargent (Rep.), of California, objected, declaring they were not in respectful language. The senator from South Carolina was required to sign the resolutions, and they were then read and referred. The report set forth the reasons why those who assembled at the time mentioned voted for Wade Hampton for governor.

Mr. Windom (Rep.), of Minnesota, called up the House bill appropriating $20,000 for the relief of the District of Columbia, and it was passed—yeas, forty-five; nays, nine—Messrs. Moore, Booth, Cockrell, Cooper, Hitchcock, McCreery, Maxey, Ransom and Withers voting in the negative.

House.

Mr. Payne, (Dem.), of Ohio, offered a resolution that the House now proceed to the election of the five members of the commission on the Presidential electoral count. Adopted.

Mr. Lamar (Dem.), of Mississippi, rose and put in nomination Messrs. Payne, of Ohio, Hunton, of Virginia, Abbott, of Massachusetts, Garfield, of Ohio, and Hoar, of Massachusetts. The vote was taken and the appointment of Messrs. Payne, Hunton, Abbott, Garfield and Hoar received a large majority of the votes, and were declared elected to act for the House.

Mr. Banning (Dem.), of Ohio, introduced a bill providing that the first session of every Congress shall begin on the fourth of March.

Mr. Hubbell (Rep.), of Michigan, introduced a bill chartering a freight railroad company from tide water on the Atlantic to the Missouri river.

The House considered the bill authorizing the secretary of the treasury to pay James B. Eads, constructor of the jetties at the mouth of the Mississippi river, $500,000, the pending question being on the amendment offered by Mr. Buckner (Dem.), of Missouri, directing the payment to be made in United States bonds. The substitute was rejected—yeas, 58; nays, 162.

The House passed the bill appropriating $500,000 to be paid to James B. Eads for the construction of jetties, etc., at the mouth of the Mississippi river.

Mr. Cox (Dem.), of New York, chairman of the committee on election frauds in New York, made a report in connection with the alleged tampering with the mails in the New York post-office, exonerating Postmaster James and his subordinates from all suspicion of fraud or tampering with the said mails. Adopted.

The Speaker laid before the House the bill abolishing the board of commissioners of the metropolitan police of the District of Columbia. The question was put: "Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the President's veto?" and it was decided in the affirmative—yeas, 156; nays, 73.

The Speaker also laid before the House a message from the President, saying that the army commission appointed to reorganize the army had reported that it was not at this time prepared to submit a plan for the reorganization. Referred.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the four associate justices designated by the Electoral bill as members of the judicial branch of the commission, announcing that they had selected Justice Joseph P. Bradley as the fifth member of the judicial branch of the commission.

After discussion, the majority resolution declaring that Colorado is a State and that Mr. Belford is entitled to his seat in the House was adopted. Mr. Belford was then sworn in.

Mr. Cox (Dem.), of New York, called up the papers in the Florida election case, and the titles of the papers were read as follows: "An authenticated copy of an act to declare and establish the appointment by the State of Florida of electors of President and Vice-President," and "Wilkinson Call *et al.* against Charles H. Pearce *et al.*—Records of proceedings in the nature of a quo warranto." Mr. Conger (Rep.), of Michigan, objected, and the Speaker then placed the papers in the petition box.

THE JOINT CONVENTION.

The joint convention of the Senate and House met in the House chamber on February 1st to canvass the electoral votes. The president of the Senate took the chair, having the Speaker on his left, and then, when the senators and members were all seated, the president of the Senate rose, and, using the gavel to enforce order and silence, said: "The joint convention of the two houses of Congress for counting the votes for President and Vice-President will now come to order."

Then, while perfect silence reigned in the chamber, the president of the Senate said: "In obedience with the Constitution, the Senate and House of Representatives have met to be present at the opening of the certificates and the counting and declaring of the results of the electoral votes for the office of President and Vice-President of the United States, for the term of four years, commencing on the fourth day of March next. In compliance with the law, the president of the Senate now proceeds, in the presence of the two houses, to open all of the certificates of the several States, and in their alphabetical order, beginning with the State of Alabama." The canvassing began by States in alphabetical order, Alabama being first. No objection was made to the declaration of the vote of this State for Tilden and Hendricks, Arkansas, ditto; California, Hayes and Wheeler, Colorado, ditto; Delaware, Tilden and Hendricks.

Then Florida was reached. The reading of the first certificate showed the four votes of Florida for Hayes and Wheeler. Then the presiding officer handed to the teller another certificate received from the same State, which, on being read by Mr. Stone, showed the four votes of Florida for Tilden and Hendricks. The former certificate was authenticated by Gov. Stearns; the latter by Attorney-General Cocke. A third certificate was an authentication of the act of electors who voted for Tilden and Hendricks, and is made by Gov. Drew.

The presiding officer asked whether there were objections to counting the vote of the State of Florida.

Mr. Field (Dem.), of New York, rose and sent to the clerk's desk a written objection to the first certificate (for Hayes and Wheeler) signed by Senators Jones, Cooper and McDonald, and by Representatives Field, Tucker, Jenks and Springer.

The presiding officer—Are there further objections to the counting of the votes of the State of Florida? (After a pause.) If there be none, the certificates and papers, together with the objections presented, will now be transmitted to the Electoral college commission for judgment and decision, the Senate will now withdraw to its chamber so that the House may separately determine the objections.

MESSAGE BY THE PRESIDENT.

President Grant's Views of the Electoral Bill as Expressed to the Senate.

To the Senate of the United States:
I follow the example heretofore occasionally presented of communicating in this mode my approval of the act to provide for and regulate the counting of the vote for President and Vice-President, and the decision of questions arising thereon, because of my appreciation of the imminent peril to the institutions of the country, from which, in my judgment, the act provides a wise and constitutional means of escape. For the first time in the history of our country under the Constitution as it now is, a dispute exists with regard to the result of the election of the Chief Magistrate of the nation. It is understood that upon the disposition of disputes touching the electoral votes cast at the late election by one or more of the States depends the question whether one or the other of the candidates for the Presidency is the lawful Chief Magistrate. The importance of having clearly ascertained by a procedure regulated by law which of the two citizens has been elected, and of having the right of this high office recognized and cheerfully agreed in by all the people of the republic, cannot be overestimated, and leads me to express to Congress and to the nation my great satisfaction at the adoption of a measure that affords an orderly means of decision of a gravely exciting question.

While the history of our country in its earlier period shows that the president of the Senate has counted the votes and declared their standing, our whole history shows that in no instance of doubt or dispute has he exercised the power of deciding, and that the two houses of Congress have disposed of all such doubts and disputes, although in no instance hitherto have they been such that their discussion could essentially have affected the result. For the first time then the government of the United States is now brought to meet the question as one vital to the result, and this under conditions not the best calculated to produce an agreement or to induce calm feeling in the several branches of the government or among the people of the country. In a case where as now the result is involved, it is the highest duty of the law-making power to provide in advance a constitutional, orderly, and just method of executing the Constitution in this most interesting and critical of its provisions. The doing so, far from being a compromise of right, is an enforcement of right and an execution of powers conferred by the Constitution in Congress. I think that this orderly method has been secured by the bill, which, appealing to the Constitution and the law as the guide in ascertaining rights, provides a means of deciding questions of single returns through the direct action of Congress, and in respect to double returns by a tribunal of inquiry whose decision shall stand unless both houses of Congress shall concur in determining otherwise, thus securing a definite disposition of all questions of dispute in whatever aspect they may arise. With or without this law, as all of the States have voted, and as a tie vote is impossible, it must be that one of the two candidates has been elected, and it would be deplorable to witness an irregular controversy as to which of the two should receive or which should continue to hold the office.

In all periods of history controversies have arisen as to the succession or choice of the chiefs of States, and no party or citizen loving the country and its free institutions can sacrifice too much of mere feeling in preserving through the upright course of law their country from the smallest danger to its peace on such an occasion. And it cannot be impressed too firmly in the hearts of all the people that true liberty and real progress can exist only through a cheerful adherence to constitutional law. The bill purports to provide only for the settlement of questions arising from the recent election. The fact that such questions can arise demonstrate the necessity, which I cannot doubt will before long be supplied, of permanent general legislation to meet cases which have not been contemplated in the Constitution or laws of the country.

The bill may not be perfect, and its provisions may not be such as would be best applicable to all future occasions, but it is calculated to meet the present condition of the questions and of the country. The country is agitated. It needs aid, it desires peace and quiet and harmony between all parties and all sections. Its industries are arrested, labor unemployed, capital idle, and enterprise paralyzed by reason of the doubt and anxiety attending the uncertainty of a double claim to the Chief Magistracy of the nation. It wants to be assured that the result of the election will be accepted without resistance from the supporters of the disappointed candidates, and that its highest officer shall not hold his place with a questioned title of right.

Believing that the bill will secure these ends, I give it my signature.

U. S. GRANT.

Executive Mansion, Jan. 29, 1877.

They Came.

The Providence *Press* relates the following story of a gallant colonel of a Rhode Island regiment during the earlier portion of his military life. The regiment being at "order arms," our colonel desired to put the column in motion. He therefore gave the order "Forward, march!" and rode off without looking behind him. No man moved in the ranks, and after riding a short distance Col. —— discovered this fact. He turned, saying: "What have I done now?" and was informed that it was impossible, from a military standpoint, for a column to move when at "order arms." "Oh, well," rejoined the matter-of-fact colonel, "pick up them things and come along." They came.

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